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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (66-26)

SUBJECT: OFFICE MEMORANDUM (68-24)

DATE: 6/18/68

## CRIMDEL

SA THOMAS FITZ PATRICK is responsible for item re Crimdel to be submitted to the Bureau no later than 6/25/68, WITHOUT FAIL.

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka. - FUGITIVE  
I.O.# 4182  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (DECEASED) - VICTIM  
Jackson File 157-9586

Discontinue. Subject RAY apprehended by officials of Scotland Yard, London, England, 6/8/68.

JOHNNY RAY SMITH, Aka. - FUGITIVE  
I.O.# 4197; ET AL  
ITSMV - ITSP  
TOP TEN FUGITIVE  
OO: JACKSONVILLE  
Jackson File 26-4474

SMITH designated as next replacement on Ten Most Wanted Fugitive List with effective date set for PM, 6/20/68. Should apprehension of SMITH appear imminent, notify SAC or ASAC by most expeditious means. For information SMITH had several gun fights with police officers in past in attempting to avoid arrest.  
CONSIDER EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

1 - SAC	① - 157-9586
1 - ASAC	1 - 26-4474
1 - Supervisor No. 3	1 - 88-1631
1 - Supervisor No. 4	1 - 166-403
1 - Supervisor No. 5	1 - Each Agent
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1 - 66-26	
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DENNY LLOYD SIMONS, Aka. - FUGITIVE  
I.O.# 4190  
UFAP - B AND E, ARMED ROBBERY  
OO: NEWARK  
Jackson File 88-1631

Discontinue. Subject apprehended Detroit, Michigan,  
6/13/68.

GEORGE MICHAEL GENTILE, Aka. - FUGITIVE  
I.O.# 4155; ET AL;  
MARVIN HOWARD LITTLE - VICTIM  
ITAR - EXTORTION  
OO: CHICAGO  
Jackson File 166-403

GENTILE being added to Ten Most Wanted Fugitive list  
PM, 6/18/68. Should GENTILE's apprehension appear imminent,  
notify SAC or ASAC by most expeditious means. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

INTERROGATION OF SUBJECTS -  
INTERROGATION ADVICE OF RIGHTS FORM  
FD-395

H. M. Ray, U. S. Attorney, Northern District of  
Mississippi, advised on 6/17/68, that several instances have  
arisen in the recent past in the Fifth Circuit wherein the  
Advice of Rights Form has come under scrutiny. He advised he  
believes it is preferable to have the Advice of Rights Form  
introduced into evidence at the time an Agent is testifying.  
That way the form will be already a matter of record in the  
event the case is appealed. This is being brought to your  
attention and should be considered by Agents in the Northern  
District of Mississippi in any court testimony.

The opinion of the U. S. Attorney in the Southern  
District is being sought.

FD-401 (RACIAL INFORMANT  
PROGRESS LETTER)

Agents should take advantage of the use of FD-401 and insure that they are brief and concise as possible in the submission of our quarterly letters. Set forth for your guidance are some observations recently received from the Bureau concerning one of our quarterly letters:

"The information set forth under 'II. Membership' could have been set forth more succinctly. You could have stated 'no change, no meetings of Unit 1, WKKKKOM, Jones County, Mississippi, have been held since Summer of 1967. Efforts being made to reorganize three units in county.'

"Concerning amounts paid for services and expenses, it was only necessary to state no payments made during this period.

"Concerning number of activities and persons on whom coverage was provided, you should have listed the number of persons affiliated with the Klan with whom the informant was in contact and a brief summary describing activities of these individuals.

"It is noted that on page one of referenced FD-401 there is a block concerning informant's stability and reliability. Unless the informant is not considered stable or reliable, it is not necessary to repeat this information under 'Miscellaneous.' The same holds true for the block captioned 'All necessary action taken on information furnished.' If the positive block is checked, it is not necessary to repeat this information under 'Miscellaneous.'

"As to the summary of information furnished by the informant, a review of your summary reveals that it could have been more concise. In the future when summarizing the informant's information, highlight the more important information he furnished and briefly summarize his other activities.

"The purpose in authorizing use of Form FD-401 was to streamline the progress report and do away with extraneous repetitive statements."



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INFORMANT REPORTS (FD-306)  
Jackson File 170-00

A tendency has been noted of Agents dictating informant reports to word these reports so that anyone could readily identify the informant. This tendency is contrary to Bureau instructions and must be corrected immediately to avoid compromising informants.

It is suggested that these informant reports be written in the third person so that when the report is read, it appears that a third person is reporting on the informant as well as the other individuals mentioned in the report.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

P. O. Box 1450

Jackson, Mississippi 39205

June 14, 1968

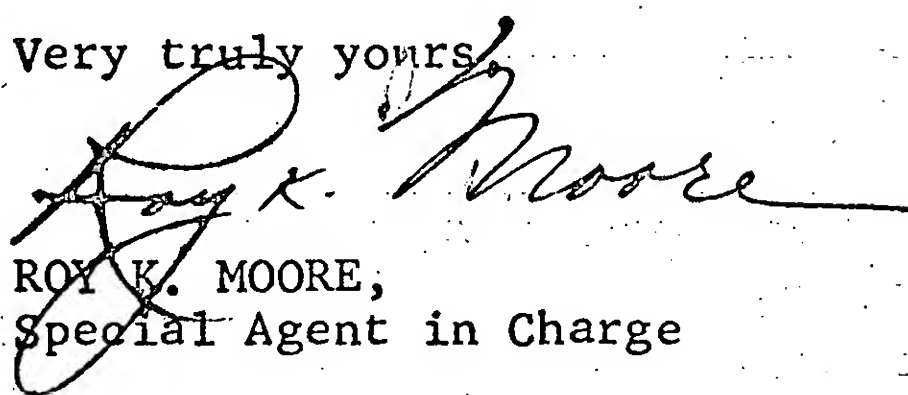
RE: JAMES EARL RAY  
IDENTIFICATION ORDER NO. 4182

Dear Sir:

James Earl Ray, Identification Order No. 4182, who was being sought by the FBI as one of its "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," was taken into custody by authorities of Scotland Yard, London, England, June 8, 1968.

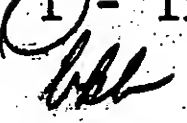
Therefore, any material previously furnished you regarding this individual should be canceled.

Very truly yours,

  
ROY K. MOORE,  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: May 20, 1968

*JS*  
FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

Each Special Agent in Charge and Legal Attache is instructed to promptly remind their established cooperative news sources, in a discreet and tactful manner, of the existence of substantial reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King. This money now totals at least \$100,000. The FBI should not, however, be publicized as the source of this reminder.

While the Bureau's continuing policy is to encourage the public to furnish information to law enforcement authorities as a matter of good citizenship, without expectation of financial reward, it is fully recognized that monetary rewards are often necessary to motivate some individuals. The knowledge of the existence of the substantial rewards available in the Murkin case could possibly prove of value in the solution of this major investigation.

1 - Copies to all Special Agents in Charge and Legats



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*Rudolph*

*AW* (give to our contacts)  
*See #4*

TO: SAC,

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☐ Albuquerque  
☐ Anchorage  
☐ Atlanta  
☐ Baltimore  
☐ Birmingham  
☐ Boston  
☐ Buffalo  
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TO LEGAT:

☐ Bern  
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☐ Buenos Aires  
☐ Hong Kong  
☐ London  
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☐ Mexico, D.F.  
☐ Ottawa  
☐ Paris  
☐ Rome  
☐ Santo Domingo  
☐ Tokyo

Date 5-22-68

RE: MURKIN  
PUBLICITY ON REWARDS OFFERED

☐ For information      ☐ Retention optional      ☐ For appropriate action      ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: ReBulet 5-20-68.

In the event of inquiries regarding the identity of the sources of the reward money offered in the Murkin case, you may confidentially advise established sources that according to a compilation set forth in the April 27th edition of the "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, \$25,000 each has been offered by the "Commercial Appeal" and Scripps-Howard newspapers and that in addition, businessmen and citizens in Memphis have offered several thousands more and the Memphis City Council has underwritten the reward up to a total of \$100,000.

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Date:

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT  
(Priority)

TO: MEMPHIS

FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TEL CALL TO JACKSON INSTANT DATE.

GRADY STEPHENS FAMILY, JONESTOWN, MISS. ADVISED INSTANT  
LAST HEARD FROM GRADY STEPHENS' BROTHER, CHARLES QUITMAN  
STEPHENS, APRIL SEVEN LAST WHEN HE TELEPHONED THEM FROM  
MEMPHIS TO ADVISE HE WAS IN THE ROOMING HOUSE FROM WHICH  
THE ASSASSINS KILLED KING. CHARLES STEPHENS ADVISED HE HAD  
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR TO THE ASSASSIN AND SAW HIM GOING IN AND  
OUT.

STEPHENS' FAMILY IN JONESTOWN ADVISED CHARLES STEPHENS  
IS DRIFTER, MARRIED SEVERAL TIMES AND RECEIVES MONTHLY  
VA DISABILITY CHECK SOMEWHERE IN MEMPHIS. STEPHENS' FAMILY  
IN JONESTOWN HAVE NO IDEA OF PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CHARLES  
STEPHENS.

STEPHENS' FAMILY KNOW OF NO FRIENDS OF CHARLES STEPHENS  
IN MEMPHIS OR ELSEWHERE.

1 - Jackson

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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CHARLES STEPHENS HAS BROTHER, LOUIS STEPHENS,  
RESIDING OUT FROM COMO, MISS., NO TELEPHONE; HAS SISTER,  
ANNIE BELLE WOLF, AKA., MRS. ESTEEN WOLF, RESIDING OUT FROM  
SENATOBIA, MISS. CLOSE TO INDEPENDENCE, MISS., NO TELEPHONE;  
HAS BROTHER, VESTER STEPHENS, MEMPHIS, ADDRESS UNKNOWN,  
LAST KNOWN TO BE EMPLOYED SALVATION ARMY, MEMPHIS.

GRADY STEPHENS FAMILY NOT AWARE OF VA NUMBER OF CHARLES  
STEPHENS.

MEMPHIS AT MEMPHIS, IF NOT ALREADY HANDLED LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW VESTER STEPHENS.

JACKSON AT COMO AND SENATOBIA, MISS. LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW LOUIS STEPHENS AND MRS. ESTEEN WOLF FOR WHEREABOUTS  
OF BROTHER, CHARLES STEPHENS. END.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



FBI MEMPHIS

FBI JKSN MISS

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)  
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*Hughes  
Sammon  
advised*

*SAC Memphis  
advised JNO 11:30 PM 6/12  
to Discontinue as  
JNF has located  
Charles Stephens*

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END

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FBI MEMPHIS

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Via AIRTEL AM  
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TO: SAC, ALBANY  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN

In view of subject's apprehension, any office having outstanding leads or requests for circularization in any publication of any kind should cancel outstanding request now.

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2 Albany  
1 All Continental Offices  
1 Memphis

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*V. J. Jackson*

Approved: *R. J. Jackson*  
Special Agent in Charge

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*Jackson*

ROUTING SLIP TO ALL FIELD OFFICES

FROM *RW* SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, aka -  
FUGITIVE  
CR - CONSPIRACY; UFAC - ROBBERY

OO: MEMPHIS

Re report of SA JOE C. HESTER 6/5/68 at Memphis.

Page 17, paragraph 4, line 6 - 12/17/67, should  
be 12/7/67.

Please correct your copies.

SAC ROBERT G. JENSEN

TOR:tjm

*X*  
*Hester*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN  
CR  
(OO: Memphis)

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Re Memphis airtel to Jackson, 4/18/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are eight (8) copies of an insert reflecting results of investigation conducted in this matter at Clarksdale, Miss., regarding KEN SINGFIELD.

## LEADS:

### MEMPHIS

#### AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will contact DILL TIDWELL, who operates a new restaurant, name unknown, located at the old Anderton's Acre Restaurant, Highway 51, Memphis, and exhibit photos of JAMES EARL RAY to determine if RAY is identical with KEN SINGFIELD, as TIDWELL is acquainted with SINGFIELD.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA JAMES W. SAMMON at Clarksdale, Mississippi:

From a review of the Clarksdale City Directory and Telephone Directory, there is no BILL TIDWELL or KEN SINGFIELD listed in those directories. There is no HOWARD JOHNSON Motel in Clarksdale.

The City Directory reflects a WILLIAM TIDWELL, a route salesman for the Ritchie Bottling Works, Clarksdale, Mississippi, with no residence shown.

On May 31, 1968, KATHERINE HINMAN, Clerk, Credit Bureau, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that she could locate no credit reference to a KEN SINGFIELD. Mrs. HINMAN said the only BILL TIDWELL in their files is one who is employed for the Ritchie Bottling Company, Clarksdale. Mrs. HINMAN said that TIDWELL is an itinerant preacher who presently operates the Independent Baptist Tabernacle in Clarksdale.

On May 31, 1968, W. V. "BILL" TIDWELL, residing 614 West Circle Drive, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that he is employed as a truck salesman for the Ritchey Bottling Company, Clarksdale.

TIDWELL advised that KEN SINGFIELD and PAUL NORMAN of Memphis, Tennessee, are unknown to him. TIDWELL said that a number of years ago another BILL TIDWELL operated the Holiday Inn in Clarksdale but left Clarksdale for Memphis where he was last known to be employed for the Holiday Inn in Memphis.

On June 3, 1968, RAY HARRINGTON, Manager, Holiday Inn, Clarksdale, Mississippi, advised that BILL TIDWELL was the manager of the Admiral Benbow Restaurant, which was the restaurant for that Holiday Inn in 1954. HARRINGTON



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said that BILL TIDWELL now operates a new restaurant, name unknown, which is located at the old Anderton's Acre Restaurant, Highway 51, Memphis, Tennessee.

HARRINGTON said that KEN SINGFIELD was never employed for the Holiday Inn in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

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100PM URGENT 6/8/68 GJM

TO ALL SACS  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON,  
ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE  
AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI JKSN MISS

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*Substantive*  
*Advised*  
*[Signature]*

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TO ALL SACS  
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861

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AND REMOVE ALL STOPS.  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10678)  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)  
SUBJECT: MURKIN

CO-MEMPHIS

Re New Orleans airtel 5/31/68, setting forth information from EUGENE SMITH HANSFIELD.

ROBERT PAHNER, Payroll Officer, Penrod Drilling Company, 3333 First National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, advised SA WILLIAM D. HOLLOWAY on 6/4/68, he can locate no employment record, past or present, for EUGENE SMITH HANSFIELD. He stated he maintains employment records of all employees of this company no matter where they are employed. He advised there is a possibility that HANSFIELD may have been employed by a sub-contracting company or a company furnishing some service to Penrod Drilling Company, in which case he would have no record of him.

2 - New Orleans  
2 - Mobile  
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)  
1 - Jackson (157-9586)  
2 - Dallas  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JAMES EARL RAY, aka  Eric Starvo Galt,  W. C. Herron,  Harvey Lowmyer,  James McBride,  James O'Conner,  James Walton,  James Walyon,  John Willard,  Jim - FUGITIVE  IO #4182,  WF #442-A;  DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOE C. HESTER</b>	TYPED BY <b>mnr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR -- CONSPIRACY;  UFAC -- ROBBERY</b>	

## NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

### REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS AN INVESTIGATIVE AID AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED AS NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONCEAL THE SOURCES OF INFORMATION THAT WAS FURNISHED CONFIDENTIALLY. ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED.

APPROVED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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Jackson

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER  
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;  
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is \$50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH  
FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of \$50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

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On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.



II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN  
ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE  
HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION  
OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

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4/23/67

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67

A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for \$75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of \$9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano  
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue  
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of \$1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

8/26/67

Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67

ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, 701 48th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY \$1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

9/6/67

Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license #2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67

ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67

In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.



The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$337.24.

10/2/67

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67

The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of \$337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.



The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67

ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67

Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with a prostitute, IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of \$142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as March 10, 1928. RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash \$25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California,

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of \$29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 7, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of \$499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay \$100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay \$149 on December 18, 1967, and \$50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

GALT did make a payment of \$100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of \$364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67  
12/25/67  
12/26/67  
12/27/67  
12/28/67  
1/2/68  
1/3/68  
1/9/68  
1/11/68  
1/15/68  
1/16/68  
1/18/68  
1/22/68  
1/23/68  
1/25/68  
1/29/68  
1/30/68  
1/31/68  
2/1/68  
2/5/68  
2/6/68  
2/8/68  
2/12/68

12/15/67

Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.



12/15/67

ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67

On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67

ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, [REDACTED] departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67

ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

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FOIA(b)(7) - (C)

12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

"(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"(2): Would there be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.



1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. VERNON identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of \$85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

1/22/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write Eric S. 406 So. 2nd St., Alhambra, 91802."

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of \$3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$3 and was made payable to Mr. HEDGPETH.

C. M. HEDGPETH is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by HEDGPETH on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.



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It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

[REDACTED] 2800 Glenview Avenue, Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, [REDACTED] and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY  
"ERIC S. GALT  
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.  
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.  
"90028.  
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of \$1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay \$1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent \$1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.

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[REDACTED] is the only one of these thus far identified. She has made available a photograph which GALT enclosed in his letter to her. [REDACTED] has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger" nor has she ever written to pen pal clubs or subscribed to the Los Angeles "Free Press." She has never met GALT and has had no further correspondence from him.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 17, 1968, was prepared by the individual who prepared this signature in this name appearing on numerous other items submitted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19430 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Futura Books.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19701 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order is in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19704 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$5.25 and was made payable to "Locksmith Ledger."

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19702 from Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$6.44 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order is too distorted for an identification with these previous signatures but similarities were noted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19703 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of \$9.98 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.



2/26/68

By letter postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, ordered one pair of Japanese handcuffs.

It is noted that Tiffany Enterprises is a mail order business but that they do not stock these Japanese handcuffs, so it was necessary for them to have the order filled by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles. These handcuffs were shipped to GALT on March 16, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 26, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the "GALT" signatures on other specimens previously submitted.

3/2/68

On this date GALT was graduated from the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph made that date has been discovered. Approximately a week after GALT's graduation he was telephonically contacted by the director of this school, who indicated he had employment for GALT as a bartender. GALT declined stating that he was leaving town within 2 weeks to visit his brother and did not wish to take employment. GALT indicated he would later return to Los Angeles.

3/8/68

ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 at Los Angeles, California. This postal money order was in the amount of \$15 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory advised that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 were prepared by this individual.

3/17/68

A change of address order listed for ERIC S. GALT with the St. Francis Hotel dated March 17, 1968, advised that his old address of 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, had been changed to General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia. This change of address was indicated to be temporary until April 25, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office change of address order submitted by the Los Angeles Division was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens previously submitted in this matter.

3/21/68

As well as can be established, it was on or about this date that the subject left at 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, a box of clothing belonging to MARIAN de GRASSE. It is noted that MARIAN de GRASSE is the daughter of MARIE MARTIN, one of the subject's associates in Los Angeles. Additional information concerning MARIE MARTIN is set out elsewhere in this report. It is also noted that 4019 Royal Street, New Orleans, is the residence of THERESA STONE and that THERESA STONE is the cousin of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

3/24/68

On this date the subject as ERIC S. GALT rented Room 2 in a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, which rooming house is operated by JIMMY DELTON GARNER.

3/28/68

ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 at Atlanta, Georgia. This postal money order was in the amount of \$7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 was prepared by this individual.

3/29/68

On this date an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington, Model 700, caliber .243, rifle with a 2x-7x Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box in which had originally come a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid cash.

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The man calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he had decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington, Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington, Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight,

SN A17350. He again left with this gun in the Browning cardboard box. The .243 caliber ammunition was exchanged for a box of 30-06 ammunition. LOWMEYER indicated he wanted to use the 30-06 rifle to hunt in Wisconsin.

Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that LOWMEYER is unknown at 1907 South 11th Street and is unknown in that general neighborhood.

3/30/68

On this date the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, received a change of address from GALT indicating his new address to be 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The Newark Division<sup>2</sup> forwarded to the FBI Laboratory 4 green payment coupons to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons #6 through #9. Coupons #6 through #8 bore the handprinted address of 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, and the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT. Coupon for lesson #9 bore the handprinted address of 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on the green payment coupons was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other handprinting on specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

It is unknown by officials of the Locksmithing Institute the exact manner in which GALT furnished the above described change of address.

3/31/68

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, operator of a rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, admits being drunk during a large portion of the time around March 24 - 31, 1968, but states that on March 31, 1968, GALT paid for an additional week's rent. GARNER does not recall seeing GALT after March 31, 1968.

GARNER advised that when ERIC S. GALT paid his rent for the second week commencing March 31, 1968, he had GALT write his name on an envelope. According to GARNER who made this envelope available, GALT hand-printed his signature on the envelope. The reason GARNER requested that GALT sign his name was the fact that GARNER intended to then transfer this name to his official records when he returned to his own room.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the hand-printed name of ERIC S. GALT that appears on the envelope furnished by JIMMY DELTON GARNER, manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, was prepared by the person who prepared the hand-printing on material previously submitted in this matter and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

As a result of a lawful search of Room 2 of this rooming house conducted on April 15, 1968, numerous items of a possible evidentiary value were obtained, including a map of Mexico.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, reported that 2 latent fingerprints were developed on this map and that these latents were identified with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.



4/1/68

On this date an individual using the name ERIC GALT left both laundry and dry cleaning at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

4/3/68

ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, on April 3, 1968, was assigned Room 34, and departed the hotel prior to the checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. At the time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the same name.

4/4/68

Between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. on this date a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented sleeping room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at the rate of \$8.50 per week. He paid one week's rent in advance. He was not required to execute a registration card or to otherwise provide any information concerning himself or his automobile.

At about 4:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an unknown individual purchased from York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a pair of Bushnell 7 x 35 binoculars. The salesman did not record the serial number of the binoculars; however, he wrote the price of the binoculars \$39.95 and the amount of the tax \$1.60 on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came and added them for a total of \$41.55. He placed the sales slip, the binoculars, box, and the leather type carrying case in a gray paper bag which bears on its side the name York Arms. This witness subsequently identified photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as

being identical with the purchaser of the binoculars; however, it should be noted this witness has since been committed to the Tennessee Psychiatric Hospital and Institute, Memphis, Tennessee.

At about 6:00 P.M. on this date Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis. At the time he was struck KING was standing on the second floor balcony in front of Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis. Other occupants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street heard a rifle fired and observed a man run from the rooming house onto South Main Street where he dropped a large bundle in front of 424 South Main Street. Neighborhood investigation disclosed that a white Mustang was seen immediately leaving the area at a high rate of speed. A canvass of motels in the Memphis area disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had been driving a white Mustang. He gave as an address 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. When inquiries were made at that address solely for the purpose of further identifying GALT, it was determined that he had not resided there since about October 1967. It was for this reason that GALT came to our attention in connection with this case.

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, recovered numerous articles dropped by the assailant of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on the sidewalk near the entrance of the building located at 424 South Main Street. Included among these articles are the following:

- 1) Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, SN A17350
- 2) Banner by Bushnell binoculars, SN DQ408664
- 3) First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published in Memphis



- 4) A plastic bottle of Mennen Afta Shaving Lotion
- 5) An unopened can of Schlitz beer, bearing the legend "Mississippi Tax Paid. IV Cents."
- 6) A Channel Master radio receiver, Model #6502, 6 Transistor, Super Hetrodyne, with a frequency range of 535-1605 Kc/s. This radio bears scratchings on one side interpreted to read "00416."
- 7) One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt
- 8) Green and brown bedspread (see date of April 5, 1968, concerning items found in abandoned Mustang)

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle; one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight; one latent fingerprint on the binoculars; one latent fingerprint on the newspaper; one latent fingerprint on the bottle of Afta Shaving Lotion and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

The Bureau advised that the number "00416," which was the interpretation of the scratchings appearing on the above described Channel Master radio, is the same number as the inmate number for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, while confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-shirt each bears a laundry tag on which appears the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, Model RH-5K1, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 02B-6 on red colored tape, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. This machine was used in this laundry between January 16, 1968, and March 23, 1968. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, are similar to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts in color, construction, and composition. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as the tapes appearing on the T-shirt and shorts. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length. These tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-shirt and shorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

The bullet removed from the victim KING was examined by the FBI Laboratory, who determined that it is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington - Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet has been distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the deceased had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY.

4/5/68

An unknown white male at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, parked instant white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 in the parking lot of Capitol Homes, a public housing project in Atlanta, Georgia.

Among other items found in this abandoned Mustang was bed linen bearing laundry mark 20R-3. As mentioned earlier in this report, records of the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, reflect that laundry belonging to an individual named GALT, which laundry was brought in on December 15, 1967, had been assigned laundry #20R-3.

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers were found in the abandoned Mustang. The FBI Laboratory has compared these with the bedspread found abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, on April 4, 1968, and has concluded that the fibers found in the Mustang could have come from this bedspread.

Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, an individual stopped at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, and picked up laundry left there on April 1, 1968, under the name ERIC GALT. The clerk, Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, when shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, stated she believes the photograph of RAY in which he was wearing a bow tie is a better likeness; however, the most recent photograph in which he is wearing a four-in-hand tie looks older and the eyes and nose appear very similar.

No information has been received concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY since April 5, 1968.

The Kansas City Division submitted the following described documents to the FBI Laboratory requesting appropriate handwriting and handprinting examination with the handprinting and handwriting specimens submitted to the Laboratory as evidence in this matter:

One copy of a letter dated October 24, 1966, in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY. This letter was from RAY to Dr. EARL C. KEPLER, Biggs Building, Fulton, Missouri.

34 pages containing purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

22 pages of handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and one copy of a form dated April 4, 1958, signed by JAMES EARL RAY which was obtained from the U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handwriting and handprinting appearing on items attributed to ERIC S. GALT were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, the FBI Laboratory advised that it cannot be definitely determined whether the "HARVEY LOWMYER" signature appearing on the sales invoice of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama (place where Remington rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, was purchased), was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

The FBI Laboratory stated that because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing all the typewritten impressions appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT, but no significant differences were noted.

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III. RELATIVES OF JAMES EARL RAY



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Subject's family is reported to have changed the family name as often as it suited them, and they have been known at various times under the names RAY, RAYNES, RAYNS, RYAN, and BERNES.

A birth certificate has been located reflecting that JAMES EARL RAY was born March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois, to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

**Mother**

LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, was born April 29, 1909, at Alton, Illinois, and died an alcoholic on January 25, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri. She is reported to have been a prostitute during most of her life/

Her husband, who now uses the name JERRY RAYNES, abandoned her in about 1952. From about 1954 until her death in 1961 she lived with JOHN EUGENE GAWRON whenever GAWRON was not in prison.

**Father**

JERRY RAYNES, born November 24, 1899, resides alone on a small farm on Route 2, Center, Missouri, and has telephone number AM 7-3467. He claims to have married the subject's mother at Jacksonville, Florida, in the spring of 1929, 1930, or 1931 but he admits to having lived with her in a common-law relationship prior to their marriage. He states that he and the subject's mother separated about 1949 and he admits to having lived with RUBY CARPENTER off and on from about 1952 until 1963. RAYNES claims to have last seen the subject about 17 years ago, and he claims to have no information regarding his present whereabouts.

**Brother**

JOHN LARRY RAY, born February 14, 1933, resides alone at 1900-A Cherokee, St. Louis, and is engaged with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, in the operation of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis. The telephone at the tavern is number PR 6-9417.

JOHN has served sentences in both the Illinois State Penitentiary and in the



Indiana State Penitentiary. He claims to have last seen the subject some 2 to 4 years ago when he visited the subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), and he claims to have seen him prior to that time about 15 years ago at which time the subject had just been discharged from the U. S. Army.

JOHN will admit to having visited the subject at the MSP only 3 or 4 times. MSP records reflect visits by JOHN on the following dates:

10/17/62  
7/7/63  
11/3/63  
11/11/63  
5/6/65  
7/10/66  
11/13/66  
12/20/66  
4/22/67

It should be noted that this last visit on April 22, 1967, occurred on the day prior to the subject's escape on April 23, 1967; however, JOHN RAY denies having had any part in the subject's escape.

JOHN RAY has expressed the belief that the subject had money in his possession when he escaped, money which he made from the sale of amphetamines while the subject was in the MSP. JOHN has also stated he believes the subject has left the United States as the subject reportedly told him that he would do this if he ever got out of prison. JOHN denies having seen the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

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Brother

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born July 16, 1935, resides in Apartment 14, 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He has no telephone. He is employed as a maintenance man at the Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

JERRY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has served sentences at both the Illinois State Penitentiary and at the MSP. He claims to have last seen the subject outside of prison in about 1951, and he claims to have last visited him in prison in about 1964. MSP records reflect JERRY visited the subject on the following dates:

8/21/63  
9/15/63  
5/16/65  
6/20/65  
7/1/65

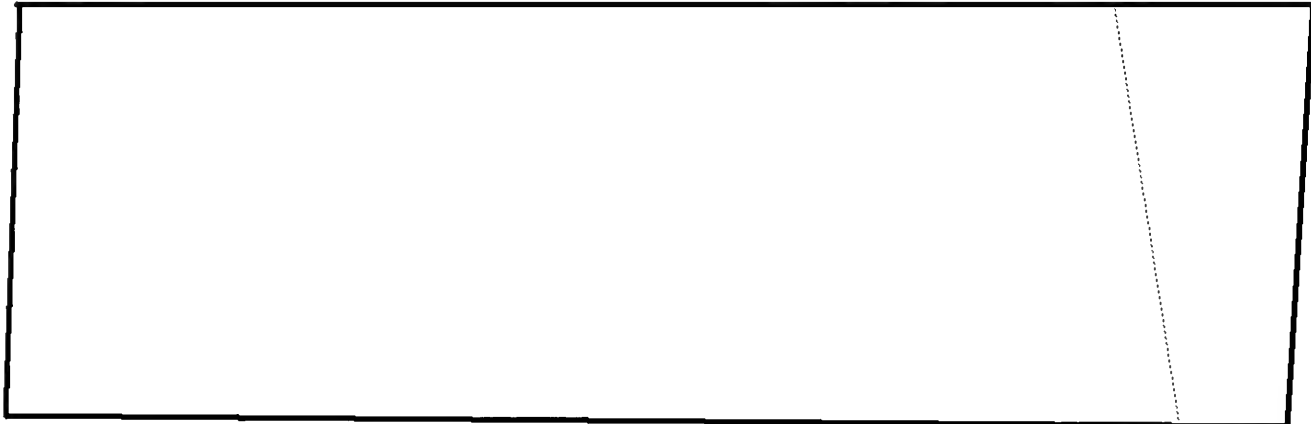
JERRY RAY is divorced from GJERDIS STREET, who presently resides on Wisconsin Avenue in Lake Forest, Illinois. During the period that he and STREET were married,

[REDACTED] She and JERRY RAY separated during August 1967 and were divorced during January 1968. He previously lived common-law with CAROL SARTAIN by whom he had a child MICHAEL, age 6, who now lives with CAROL's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLARD SARTAIN, Route 2, Whitesburg, Tennessee. He periodically sends money to the SARTAINS to assist in the support of MICHAEL.

JERRY claims to have had no contact with the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

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Brother



Brother

FRANK DELANO RYAN was killed in an automobile accident during 1963.

Sister

CAROL PEPPER, born January 30, 1941, is married to ALBERT PEPPER and resides at 2025 Belleview, Maplewood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. She is the owner of record of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, which she operates with her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY. Her home telephone is 645-2948 and the telephone at the tavern is PR 6-9417.

[REDACTED] She has been married to ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, FBI #581 723 D, for about the past 6 years and ALBERT PEPPER denies ever having met the subject. When questioned regarding a letter addressed by the subject from the MSP to Albert J. Pepper Stationery, 712-A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, ALBERT PEPPER stated he formerly resided at that address but was not aware of any mail addressed in such a manner. He admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but he denied having any information concerning this. Neither CAROL nor ALBERT PEPPER admitted having heard from the subject since his escape and neither will admit to having any information concerning his whereabouts. CAROL PEPPER claims to have seen the subject only 3 or 4 times in her lifetime and this was after she came to reside in St. Louis at about age 16. She states she has never visited him at the MSP but did write letters to him for her grandmother, MARY MAHER, now

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deceased, and admits she wrote several letters after MAHER's death.

Sister

MELBA MARIE RYAN, born September 16, 1938, is the recipient of a disability pension and now resides at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 223-0403. MELBA RYAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She claims to have no information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

Sister

SUSAN DONIAN, born April 28, 1947, is married to MICHAEL DONIAN and resides at 3414 Bryn Mahr, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 588-1410. Beginning at about age 6, SUSAN lived first in an orphanage and later in a foster home. She last saw the subject when she was in the first grade at Quincy, Illinois, and believes that he does not know her whereabouts. She claims to have no information concerning the subject but has agreed to cooperate should he contact her.

Stepmother

RUBY CARPENTER, 630 North Sixth Street, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 223-9465, advised that in 1952 she met the subject's father while both were working in Quincy, Illinois, and that they left Quincy together and went to live in St. Louis, Missouri. She stated that they lived together from 1952 until 1961 before they married on August 1, 1961, at Palmyra, Missouri. They were divorced in Palmyra, Missouri, during 1964 and the subject's father moved to Center, Missouri, where he continues to reside on a small farm. She stated she has not seen the subject since he went to prison around 1960, and she has had no contact with him since she and his father moved to Clarence, Missouri, on August 1, 1961. She said she is certain the subject does not know her present whereabouts.

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Uncle

WILLIAM E. MAHER and his wife, MILDRED MAHER, 712 Brown Street, Alton, Illinois, claim to have last seen the subject 10 or 12 years ago and has expressed the belief that the subject has not been in Alton, Illinois, since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery. They do not believe the subject will contact them and have indicated they will make known any attempt on his part to do so.

Uncle

EARL E. RAY is reported to have died May 2, 1959, at Buffalo, New York.

Aunt

Mrs. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, 2601 Chestnut Street, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 222-7412, has not seen the subject since 1955 when her mother, subject's grandmother, died. She stated she has not seen her brother, the subject's father, for a number of years and has had no close contact with him. She said that while the subject was in prison at MSP she had sent him mail on a number of occasions and occasionally sent him small amounts of money. She said he had sent her 2 or 3 Christmas cards, and this was the only contact she had with him. She said these Christmas cards were smuggled out of the prison as she apparently had not been on the subject's mailing list. She claims to have had no contact with the subject since his escape and is not aware of his present whereabouts. She has offered her cooperation in the event he does contact her.

Grandparents

Both maternal and paternal grandparents are reported to be deceased.

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IV. PRISON INMATES AND ASSOCIATES



ASSOCIATES

Missouri State Penitentiary

BILLY BROWN AEBY, interviewed at Dallas, Texas, and resides at Stark Road, Seagoville, Texas. He was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY during the period 1961 - 1964 while serving three concurrent 9-year sentences at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He and RAY worked in the prison bakery. RAY used amphetamine powder and dealt extensively in the sale of the amphetamine powder and benzadrine to other inmates. These items were being obtained by RAY, apparently through prison guards. RAY liked to play poker and was considered a good player; was mild mannered, and appeared timid to persons not knowing him well. He did not have any special interests and did not express any opinions regarding the Negroes, Ku Klux Klan, Army service, women, clothes, drinking, and the outside world in general.

RICHARD BEMAN, MSP #07694, is serving life for murder at the Missouri State Penitentiary and worked in April 1967 in the hospital of the prison. RAY was known to him by sight and though he did not associate with RAY in K Hall he worked with him at one time in the kitchen. RAY was very quiet and there was no information available as to his personal habits or beliefs. He also had no knowledge of RAY's associates.

JULIUS MAURICE BLOCK, formerly of the Missouri State Penitentiary, is currently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. He had worked in the bakery with JAMES EARL RAY. RAY was characterized as a loner, known to purchase the physical favors of homosexuals while in the Missouri State Penitentiary, although it is believed he would seek sexual relations with women outside the prison walls.

RAY reportedly stabbed one inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary while the victim was held by another inmate. Reportedly RAY used to steal locks from different doors in the bakery and kitchen area and practice picking these locks later in the day.

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JOSEPH ADAMS currently incarcerated at the Illinois State Penitentiary was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary. ADAMS left the penitentiary in October, 1967.

RAY brought food to the hospital where ADAMS was working and he assumed RAY worked in the prison kitchen. He described him as a quiet individual, but he never talked directly to him nor did he ever observe him with any other inmates.

LEO BARNETT currently incarcerated at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, knew JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Prison from about 1962 until August 1, 1966. He met him through BILLY MILES, presently at the New Penitentiary, Moberly, Missouri.

RAY never said much, did not bother anybody, was a loner and had a bad nervous condition and a definite mental problem. He was taking powdered amphetamine while in prison and would suffer weight losses and gains of 10 to 15 pounds over short periods of time.

BARNETT stated that amphetamine taken in quantities would produce a substantial rapid weight loss.

The amphetamine supply, prior to 1964, was \$5 a shot or less and after 1964, although the supply was limited, it still sold for the same price.

JAMES T. BOND, is currently in Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, for carrying a concealed weapon and had been an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from October 1962 until December 1965.

RAY was a bread man, working in the bakery, slicing the bread for meals. RAY was a racist and was many times heard discussing his dislike for Negroes. RAY was hooked on amphetamine powders and always had a nose dropper and needle to shoot the solution made up from the amphetamine powders into his veins. The amphetamine was obtained through a source in the prison at a price between \$50 and \$100 per spoonful, and on occasion would break down the amount of powder he would receive and in turn sell it in smaller packages. When the amphetamine was not available RAY would break up "bennies" and use it.

He was a "lone wolf", never discussed his own personal background, and was an avid reader of sex books and girlie magazines. RAY never trusted anyone and had a feeling that everyone was out to get him. He also had a habit of pulling at his left ear constantly. RAY purchased the amphetamines from a fellow convict, JIM BRADLEY, described as the "top con" at Missouri State Penitentiary.

RAY had talked of escaping on numerous occasions and on one occasion was caught with a rope and hook. He also participated in a tunnel job which was discovered, though the authorities were unaware of who had been involved in this attempt.

JAMES HARVEY BRADLEY, JR., currently incarcerated in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, under number 84515, is serving a 15 year sentence for violation of U. S. Postal laws. BRADLEY disclaimed any knowledge of RAY personally or by name.

JIMMY Z. BRADLEY has Missouri State Penitentiary Number 71844 and is currently serving a life sentence. He was incarcerated in December 1956. He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an employee in J Hall for a time and knew he lived alone in a cell in K Hall. He always desired to cell alone.

BRADLEY was in solitary when RAY escaped and knew nothing of it. He described him as an exceptionally quiet and "odd" person. RAY took mild drugs such as amphetamine and had very small veins, making it difficult for him to "main line" his shots. He purchased barbiturates and amphetamine whenever he could, but always believed he was ill, using drugs on occasion as a matter of medicine.

JEROME (NMN) CARPENTER, possesses Missouri State Penitentiary #0304 and is serving a life sentence for murder.

He has known JAMES EARL RAY since about 1963, but not well. He knew JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES RAY, and their father was named JERRY RAY. When CARPENTER was 15 years of age his mother ran away with JERRY RAY and went to St. Louis, Missouri. They separated after two years and his mother has returned to Quincy, Illinois.

He described RAY to be a quiet, meek person who was very soft-spoken.

CARL BENTON DRAKE, now a self employed contractor at St. Louis, was a fellow inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY, during the period 1960 or 1961 until his release in 1965. RAY is described as a loner, closed-mouth, who never discussed anything but mixed well with the other inmates, both black and white. RAY never displayed propensity for violence or racist sentiments.

RAY was not addicted to drugs, but nearly all the inmates used any drugs available.

(Information received elsewhere noted that DRAKE had stated he received two telephone calls from RAY since KING was killed, one call coming from New Orleans, Louisiana, and one call from North Carolina.)

THOMAS BRITTON became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in November 1965 while both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary. RAY worked in J Hall as a "walk boy." He would take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, and the like to be purchased within the prison and would bring hot water for shaving and coffee to the inmates. He was the only "walk boy" in J Hall and was free to contact any inmate and could walk throughout the hall freely. Conversations with



RAY indicated he was intimate with the area in Alabama known as Walker County and had stayed in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past. RAY on a daily basis would read the "Post-Herald", a newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama.

RAY reportedly stated that if he ever got out of jail he was going to make himself a "bunch of money" and said that the Businessmen's Association has offered \$100,000 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, and KING is five years past due. RAY did not know what the Businessmen's Association was, but he intended to find out.

RAY also stated that he has a place picked out where he could hide, but never identified its location.

RAY would be easy to identify, even if he attempted to disguise his identity, in that he is definitely "slough-footed" and his toes point out noticeably when he walked, causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He also has a prominent cleft on his chin and RAY liked to drink.

RAY also picked up and delivered wagering tickets in the cigarette lottery in J Hall.

RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came.

RAY, in connection with the lottery, was closely connected with JOHNNY VALENTI and an individual named "BOSTON", subsequently identified as MILTON ZAVALOFSKI.

JAMES W. BROWN, Reform, Alabama, was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from April 1960 through June 1965. In 1963 he met RAY and heard him make the statement that he was glad when JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, identifying KENNEDY as a "nigger lover". RAY disliked Negroes and during the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was leading demonstrations and marches he would become aggravated and upset when reading this information in newspapers to the point that he would curse KING and the Negroes.

BROWN also heard RAY make the statement that he was going to get MARTIN LUTHER KING when he got out. "Cooley's organization" would pay \$10,000 to have KING dead. BROWN had no knowledge concerning this organization and only heard it from RAY.

RAY was not overly friendly and never discussed his past life in BROWN's presence. He had mentioned about tunneling out of prison and going to Virginia to hide in a cave.

RAY was friendly to an inmate, JOHNNY VALENTI, who often spoke about Mexico and could speak Spanish.

RAY had also mentioned at one time that his brother-in-law was working in Liberia, Africa, and was making large sums of money.

BROWN further stated that VALENTI had told him he and RAY committed a robbery of an oil company in Atlanta, Georgia, committing the robbery about midnight.

BROWN overheard RAY tell VALENTI that when RAY got out of the penitentiary he knew a guy names "COOLEY" who would hide him where no one could find him.

(Credibility of BROWN, FBI No. 5049773, has not been established to date, it being noted he has furnished conflicting information about the personal habits of RAY.)

EVERETT WAYNE COX, FBI No. 127115C, interviewed by the Oklahoma City Division, advised he was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1961 until June 1964 when released and was friendly with JAMES EARL RAY. He worked with RAY in the prison bakery and was a partner with him in operating prison poker games.

RAY expressed some interest in learning to speak Spanish, studying the language from a Spanish dictionary belonging to COX. He also read books about Mexico which he obtained from the prison library.

Addresses were exchanged with RAY in 1964 but he has not seen or heard from RAY since being released from the penitentiary.

In searching his belongings COX located the name ERIC LARSON, who was the inmate supervisor at the penitentiary bakery, whom he described as the most likely person to know the whereabouts of RAY.



THOMAS BEECHER CREWS, Missouri State Penitentiary No. 71845, is currently serving a life sentence for murder. He came to the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1956.

He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary, though the photograph of RAY contained in the newspapers looks familiar. He did not know any associates of RAY either.

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS is currently incarcerated in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, pending an appeal of a life sentence for murder.

He first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in March 1955 in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, where RAY was incarcerated on a Post Office Burglary charge. They were cellmates for six to seven months. During this incarceration a friend of RAY's would visit him. This friend had been a cellmate with RAY at Menard, Illinois. This individual kept RAY in spending money while RAY was in prison and it is CURTIS' opinion he would harbor RAY.

After this incarceration in the Jackson County Jail they both at different times were transferred to the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth. During this period at Leavenworth RAY, to his knowledge, spoke of no girlfriend and corresponded with none. He mentioned that he "operated" which CURTIS stated meant engaged in burglary and payroll jobs, out of Quincy, Illinois.

RAY is a good poker player and he with CURTIS participated with fellow prisoners in crooked poker games. At a subsequent time they were both incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, occasionally in the same cell. While in B and C Halls they were together in a three-man cell with a third individual, and it was during this period that President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Subsequently in 1963 or 1964 the movements of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING became topic of conversation at the penitentiary and word got around to the prisoners that businessmen had raised a considerable amount of money, about one million dollars, as a bounty on KING's head. RAY mentioned a dozen times that had he known about the bounty on JOHN F. KENNEDY's head and had been out he would have collected it; and if he got out in time and if KING was still alive, he would like to get the bounty on KING.

RAY had a friend in New Orleans whose name was spelled like a coin, "Quarter" or "Dime", apparently a fence, who would harbor RAY.

GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, initially denied knowing JAMES EARL RAY, but subsequently recognized him as an associate of an inmate he knew by the name of RAY CURTIS. He personally had no dealings with RAY inside or outside the penitentiary, and therefore had nothing to discuss with him. EDMONDSON stated it is very easy to get a Canadian passport. All that is needed is \$5.00 plus someone to sign as a guarantor and substantiate this with a baptismal certificate or a birth certificate. These records are available, as are guarantors, in the Rue Notre Dome area. It costs about \$50 to obtain the necessary papers to back up the passport application.

All the inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary are aware how easy it is to get Canadian passports in Montreal through this procedure.

BEN GOODIN, salesman, Schantzmeier Ford, Jefferson City, Missouri, formerly was chef at the Missouri State Penitentiary and knew JIMMY RAY well, being his boss for about six years. RAY was a good friend of a blond inmate by the name of DOWDA who hated Negroes.

GOODIN thought that both RAY and DOWDA could be mixed up in peddling dope in the penitentiary but he could never prove it.

He was aware that RAY wanted to escape from the penitentiary and he "killed" a request by RAY for a transfer to a farm because of this. RAY was strictly a loner and very quiet.

MELVIN OLIVER GRIDLEY, currently an inmate of the Missouri Training Center for Men, was a "hall tender" in J Hall where RAY hid in the Missouri State Penitentiary for one week in 1964 or 1965.

RAY worked under GRIDLEY in the recreation section but he was described as closed-mouth who had few friends and did not talk much to anyone. GRIDLEY lost contact with JAMES EARL RAY in 1965 or 1966 when RAY was placed in solitary confinement.

PAUL ALVIN LAIL resides at 34 Barbados Drive, Palm Springs, Florida, and while an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He was not very friendly with RAY but did eat with him a number of times when RAY was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, LEWEY "WHITEY" DOWDA.

He described RAY as a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all the deals. He never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

Most of the guys that RAY was with were on dope and were peddling it.

There had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims. Some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson, and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. RAY might have been in on the actual killing; LAIL did not know, but if not, RAY was close with the one that did it.

LAIL stated that from his association with RAY he felt sure RAY would have a .45 automatic on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. He considered RAY to be a "killer" and would not be easy to catch or find.

He has not heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and he does believe RAY would know how to contact him.

JACK FOX LAMPHERE, Warsaw, Missouri, started serving his sentence at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time as JAMES EARL RAY.

Although RAY was not homosexual, he could be intimidated into doing almost anything. He became indebted to an inmate named JIMMY CARPENTER who stood good for RAY's debts "in the yard." CARPENTER also worked in the kitchen of the prison with RAY.

RAY in his conversations would always mention his liking for the Rogue River area of Oregon. He seemed to be familiar with saw mill work in Oregon.

LAMPHERE was called on the telephone at the City Union Mission, Warsaw, Missouri, by ROBERT DALE PORTER, FBI Number 459042, telling LAMPHERE he was in serious trouble and had to keep moving. LAMPHERE turned PORTER down rendering any assistance and advised that PORTER knows JAMES EARL RAY very well since he was at the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1960 through February 1968.

CECIL CLAYTON LILLIBRIDGE, Missouri State Penitentiary Number 67755, knew JAMES EARL RAY at the penitentiary.

From his conversations with RAY he learned that his maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about \$20,000 to \$30,000 after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out" living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate.

RAY had spoken of Campeche Bay near the Yucatan Peninsula and of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. He also spoke of a cheap "red light district" which was located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which is believed located in north central Mexico.

LILLIBRIDGE stated RAY did not like Negroes in general but expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING although he did hear him refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON".

RAY is described as a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining he had a cranial depression and a "rapid palpitation of the heart. He would use an inmate's watch with a second hand to time his pulse.

RAY was acquainted with a man who operated a small-scale smuggling business who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. His name is believed to be either MATEO LOPEZ GARCIA or MATEO GARCIA LOPEZ, who had apparently lived for some time in the United States and who spoke English. He owns a small fishing boat and would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay.



RUSSELL LEE MARTIN, Missouri State Penitentiary Number 08014, was contacted by the Little Rock Division and stated he was well acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while both were incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. MARTIN received pardon after helping solve a narcotics ring operating in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was released approximately three months ago.

Prior to RAY's escape, RAY sold narcotics to other inmates.

He stated that RAY was a loner and had very few friends.

MARTIN said that if RAY was in the Blytheville, Arkansas, area and knew that MARTIN was there, he would contact him.

FRANK JOSEPH GUINAN, currently incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, has number 09297. He recalls JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and believes he was addicted to "Bennies" and amphetamine. RAY and NEAL AEBY, another inmate, were receiving this material at the Missouri State Penitentiary through a guard who was later transferred to one of the farms and subsequently fired for smuggling a watch into the prison farm.

GUINAN believes there was an elderly con, about 65 or 70 years of age, named JIMMY CARPENTER, who would have known RAY, but he never knew them to cell together.

STERLING JUNIOR HILL, 9104 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri, was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated there. HILL worked in the prison hospital, becoming supervisor of nursing. He was never a close friend of RAY's but RAY would come into the hospital a few times on sick call.

Although he knew RAY to speak to, he never had an extended conversation and knew very little concerning his personal life or friends at the prison. He described him as a loner who always acted like he was troubled.

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FLOYD EVANS HILL, California State Prison #B11112, is an inmate at this institution having been arrested June 1967 and having been in continual confinement since that time. He is presently serving a 6 month to 10 year sentence for grand theft of a pistol.

In November 1966 he arrived at the MSP to serve a sentence for another charge and remained there for about a month and a half. He knew a lot of inmates but upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he could not be sure of his recognition of this individual as having been one of his cellmates. The center photograph on the Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY resembles a man who worked in the wood shop at the Men's Institution Training Center, Moberly, where HILL remained for 6 months. This individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY claimed to know quite a bit about safes, was to get out soon, wanted to score on safes in California, and go to Mexico to "cool it."

Other than this, he has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY.



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JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON, # 00876, Men's Training Center, Moberly, Missouri, knew JAMES EARL RAY when they were prisoners at the penitentiary. He never considered himself a close associate and last saw RAY in 1964. He never heard RAY make any antagonistic remarks concerning Negroes and never heard him mention Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

JOHNSON has no knowledge of any person who would be a close associate or confidant of RAY, nor does he know where RAY could be located.

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BILLY EDWARD MILES, Missouri State Penitentiary Number 02185, is serving a life sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary, and said he was interviewed by reporters with the permission of Warden SWANSON and has been quoted without the use of his name about his knowledge of RAY.

He has known RAY since February 1961 and heard RAY mention he had a brother and sister.

No one was actually a "friend" of RAY's as he had no close friends, but the person nearest to this category is a former inmate named CARL DRAKE with whom RAY did get along quite well.

RAY was always looking for a means to escape and was considered by some of the inmates to be "crazy" for his attempts at escape.

He and RAY operated a book shop together at the prison and they made some money from this. They would sell and trade them for small amounts to the various inmates.

WALTER E. NOLAN has FBI No. 41847 and when interviewed by the St. Louis Division was extremely hostile. He remembered JAMES EARL RAY from being incarcerated with him at the Missouri State Penitentiary, but he knew nothing about RAY now and would not tell law enforcement officials any information he did have.

He denied having anything to do with the escape of RAY from the penitentiary and he said he had not seen RAY or been contacted by him since the escape.

NOLAN said that he knew RAY for ten years in prison and was aware of his planning to escape on three occasions, but had no knowledge as to the details or modus operandi. He considers himself the closest associate of RAY as an inmate and walked in the prison yard with him daily.

It is his opinion that RAY does not trust any convict and regards all as potential "stool pigeons," since RAY felt that two of his escape attempts had been thwarted by informants.

NOLAN's conversations with RAY concerned their preparation of legal briefs in their attempt to gain freedom. RAY was quite interested in law if it concerned his case and spent extra money to purchase law books.

HOWARD NUNN has number 68889 and is an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was in K Hall at the penitentiary during the time JAMES EARL RAY celled there in 1967, and at the time RAY escaped.

He did not work directly with RAY but did see him and spoke with him. He worked in the bakery on the day after RAY's escape but never heard any talk concerning this escape nor does he have any information as to the identity of any inmate who may have aided him in his escape.

He never heard RAY speak of any "bounty" for the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY, in his conversations, did comment on New Orleans, Louisiana, and he got the impression that RAY had lived in New Orleans; however, he does not recall any specific comments concerning this city.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS was interviewed by the St. Louis Division and advised he met JAMES EARL RAY in 1959 at the St. Louis Rescue Mission as a friend of BLACKIE AUSTIN. When he met RAY he knew him as JIM O'CONNOR, but RAY used the names RYAN and RAY, always with the first name of JIM. He described him as a professional thief, specializing in robbery and burglary. He described RAY as a loner and thinker, but never a braggart. He liked cars and pistols and once demonstrated his marksmanship by hitting a can successively on a bounce. He is a moderate drinker of bourbon highballs, no beer. RAY's theory was that women were to use and forget and he preferred female street bums with no attachment to any female.

RAY once was seen with an older man named JACK GAWRON who, with AUSTIN, appeared to be his only close associate.

RAY once displayed \$1,000 in travelers checks and said he was going to Canada and the following month told OWENS that he had been to Canada. RAY also indicated at least a dozen trips to many parts of Mexico to cool off,

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mentioning Vera Cruz, Acapulco, Nogales, and Mexico City. He reportedly had to leave Mexico City when he struck a man in the head with a pistol as the man came at him with a knife.

OWENS learned from other inmates that RAY sold pills, believed to be bennies, and had a 3 for 2 loan business at the Missouri State Penitentiary where they were both incarcerated.

OWENS was in Menard Prison prior to the second escape attempt by JAMES EARL RAY. He last saw him at the Missouri State Penitentiary and has not contacted or corresponded with him since that time.

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ROBERT LYNN POWELL, Doe Run, Missouri, was in prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, from January, 1967, to February, 1968, at which time he knew JAMES EARL RAY only slightly. They both had worked in food service in the prison.

He did not consider himself a friend of RAY's and did not know any background nor any information concerning RAY's escape.

He further advised that RAY's being somewhat of a loner resulted in no one being very close to him. POWELL had no idea of RAY's present whereabouts.

RAY PRUETT possesses Missouri State Penitentiary No. 2195 and is a Clerk in K Hall. He knew JAMES EARL RAY well and visited him on occasion in the hall of the Missouri State Penitentiary. He considered him a "neighbor."

RAY had no ill feelings toward the Negro race and had no abnormal sexual habits.

He first met RAY in St. Louis about 1959 and knew him all of the time they were in the penitentiary except for a brief period when he, PRUETT, was on parole.

RAY is a very quiet individual, always interested in escaping, and caused no one any trouble. He did not consider RAY to be the type who would kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He could furnish no information concerning the possible whereabouts of RAY and had no information concerning who might have aided him in his escape from prison.

JAMES EDWARD "TED" RICHARDSON, Missouri State Penitentiary No. 49632, is currently employed on South Jefferson Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He entered the Missouri State Penitentiary on a murder charge from Trenton, Missouri, in May, 1935. The sentence was later commuted and he was released in March, 1965.

He described JAMES EARL RAY as one of the "nuts" or "cowboys" who according to RICHARDSON were small time hoodlums who would be involved in most any type of petty thievery going on inside the institution.

He knew RAY casually since he worked more than 20 years in the hospital of the penitentiary. RAY was one of the inmates who did use narcotics or medicine of any kind whenever obtainable, and he was most frequently with RAY upon the occasions of RAY's reporting to the hospital for sick call.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts or anyone who would be able to furnish such information.

DONALD DEAN RIGGER possesses number 03959, Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, and had been an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from December, 1951, through August, 1967. He worked in the kitchen there with JAMES EARL RAY.

RIGGER stated that prior to his apprehension he had jumped bond and had been in Mexico. When he received mail from Mexico at the penitentiary RAY asked him questions concerning the economy there. He was particularly interested in the Mexican Army structure. RAY explained that it was generally understood by inmates that if they could get into the Mexican Army they could effectively lose their identity.

RIGGER felt that the closest individual to RAY in the penitentiary was DONALD JOHNSON, who is still at the Missouri State Penitentiary.



JAMES R. RUSSELL, inmate, Missouri Training School for Men, advised that he had been committed to the Missouri State Penitentiary in November of 1965 and remained there until January of 1966. In February, 1967, he was released but in June returned to the penitentiary as a parole violator. He celled with ROBERT POWELL.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY by reputation only, but not personally, since he was in the prison kitchen and worked with RAY and POWELL. He stated that it was because of RAY's escape that prison officials cut down the size of the boxes used to hold bread transferred from the main kitchen.

GEORGE WILLIAM RUSSELL, currently a salesman at Houston, Texas, advised that although he was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary during JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration he did not know him.

He had no knowledge as to RAY's current location or friends.

ORLAN EUGENE ROSE, inmate No. 73723, Missouri State Penitentiary, was incarcerated there in 1958.

He first met JAMES EARL RAY in jail at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1955 and celled with him and WALTER RIFE prior to the time that all three went to Leavenworth, Kansas. Although RIFE

RAY gave no indication of abnormal sexual behavior.

RAY would follow baseball. RAY did not associate with more than five men in the penitentiary. He used amphetamines when he could get them and he paid from \$2 to \$5 a shot. He did not get into debt and did not gamble.

He described RAY as "tight" with his money and could not imagine him spending money for dancing lessons or leaving a gun behind because of this characteristic.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts nor any additional associates.

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HAROLD DEAN KLEMP, an inmate at Folsom State Penitentiary, Folsom, California, had met RAY through RAY's crime partner, JAMES "SHORTIE" OWENS. He and OWENS had been cell mates from October, 1961, to December, 1964, at the Missouri State Penitentiary and it was at this time that he met RAY.

He described RAY as a quiet, close-mouthed, even-tempered individual who minded his own business and a person people would not remember unless they had direct dealings with him.

RAY's mind was consumed with the idea of escape and he, KLEMP, did not think in his own mind that after escaping from prison he would be so stupid as to shoot a "big wig like KING".

KLEMP had no idea as to RAY's current location or anyone who associated with him.

FRANK MAYBERRY, #13763, Moberly, Missouri Men's Training Center, was only in the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1962 until 1963 when he was paroled. He is unable to recall ever seeing or hearing anything about JAMES EARL RAY until after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He was unable to suggest the identity of any individual who might have been closely associated with RAY and he had no information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

HARRY SERO resides at 295 North McNeil, Memphis, Tennessee, and was formerly in Missouri State Penitentiary and had number 01903J. He became friendly with JAMES EARL RAY during the period of February - June, 1964, while incarcerated in "B" Block at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He also became acquainted with another inmate, RAYMOND CURTIS, who recently has talked to newspaper reporters concerning his association with RAY.

SERO can recall making the statement in the presence of RAY and CURTIS, as well as other inmates, that while he, SERO, had been in Memphis, Tennessee, an unknown individual had speculated that if MARTIN LUTHER KING ever attempted an economic boycott in the City of Memphis it would

be worth a large amount of money to Memphis businessmen to have KING killed. This conversation had taken place in his, SERO's, presence in Memphis but it was mere speculation and had no basis in fact. This conversation was related to his prison mates but he had no intention of implying that any person or group of persons had or was contemplating placing a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING.

It was his recollection that RAY had a great dislike for Negroes and although he would not describe him as a "loner", he would say RAY did not know how to make friends or how to mix with other people. RAY was a regular user of amphetamines in prison but he did not believe RAY used any other narcotics.

He did not believe RAY had any important criminal connections and he had no idea where RAY might presently be. He has not heard from RAY since he left the Missouri State Penitentiary.

IVAN DALE UNDERWOOD, former Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, was interviewed by the St. Louis Division. He stated he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while at the penitentiary but upon viewing his photograph he believed RAY to be identical with an individual who worked with RALPH RENFRO for a short period during the late 1950's at Joplin, Missouri. RENFRO carried on a furnace and heating business and would also "finger" residences and business establishments in the Joplin area. Under the pretext of a free inspection of the premises, RAY would gain entrance to case the place for a possible robbery or burglary or, if the owner appeared gullible, would attempt to sell a new heating outfit.

UNDERWOOD knew RAY only through their mutual association with RENFRO and has no knowledge as to RAY's present whereabouts or close associates.

JAMES D. WALLACE, inmate #75682, Missouri State Penitentiary, stated he was raised with JIMMY OWENS who was arrested with JAMES EARL RAY prior to his incarceration at the penitentiary. WALLACE, himself, was in the penitentiary from 1959 until he was paroled in 1965 and was again returned to the penitentiary in March, 1968. Last summer, 1967, month unknown, he was coming out of the Jefferson Gravois Bank,

St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he saw JIMMY OWENS and JAMES EARL RAY coming into the bank. He told them he was glad he got his money out before they got there. They, in turn, told him they were putting money in the bank.

WALLACE stated he had no further conversation with them and has not seen them since that time.

(It should be noted that BETTY WALLACE, wife of JAMES WALLACE, when interviewed, advised she had received a letter from her husband dated April 25, 1968, stating in part, "I guess you should remember the one guy that we met that time at the bank. He's the one that they are trying to rap that King death on". She was unable to recall the incident to which he referred. It is further noted that JAMES WALLACE was interviewed May 14, 1968, almost a month after he wrote the above-mentioned letter.)

JERRY WAYNE WHITE, Missouri State Penitentiary # 10743, is a native of the state of Georgia and is due to be released soon to a Federal Detainer filed against him.

In 1965 he worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary at which time RAY was pushing a food cart to the hospital. He stated he probably did not ever speak to him and does not recall having heard RAY speak. He has no information about RAY, his plans, or his possible whereabouts.

NEAL EDGAR AEBY was interviewed at the Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. He advised he and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY handled minor narcotics in order to get money for commissary items.

AEBY was the chief cook at the penitentiary and RAY worked as a slicer in the bread room.

AEBY refused to discuss any of the facts concerning RAY's 1967 escape since the escape route was probably still in use.

He stated RAY had a bad stomach which necessitated his eating special foods, which AEBY, on numerous occasions, would prepare. This included eggs for which RAY was very partial.



While at the Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking.

RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things, had built an air-conditioner out of spare parts for his prison cell, and was handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop.

AEBY stated he would in no way render assistance to aid in the capture of RAY.

BOBBY FRED ASHE, Missouri State Penitentiary # 01562, knew JAMES EARL RAY at the penitentiary but was not too well acquainted with him. He stated no one was well acquainted with RAY as he was a quiet individual. He never knew RAY to express strong opinions on any subject, including racial matters, and he never heard of a bounty mentioned in connection with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

ASHE did not feel that RAY was involved in the sale of amphetamines or "pills", or to operate or play in poker games.

JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN advised he is 69 years of age and he knew JAMES EARL RAY for about 6 months during 1959. He and RAY robbed a supermarket at Alton, Illinois, which was the only score they pulled together. He claimed RAY cheated him, AUSTIN, of his part of the loot from the robbery.

AUSTIN was unaware that RAY had escaped from prison or that he was being sought in the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

LEWIE RAYMOND DOWDA is an inmate of the Cobb County Jail, Marietta, Georgia, and was formerly incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY for approximately three years. DOWDA was the chief cook at the prison during this time and RAY worked as a bread slicer.

He described RAY as an avid reader who participated in softball games as a pitcher and would watch all the baseball games at the prison.

In 1966, a group of Black Muslims petitioned for the right to have their own religious services and a subsequent

search recovered weapons in their possession. This was followed by white prisoners arming themselves which in turn was followed by a riot. Three Negro prisoners were killed and, in his opinion, if RAY did not knife them himself he would know who did knife them. RAY was a racist and hated Negroes.

RAY often talked of going to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. RAY was particularly interested in Western Music and a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the penitentiary.

DOWDA stated RAY's dope habit was costing him from \$35 to \$40 per week for shots and he appeared to be well fixed and never wanting for anything. While in prison he used amphetamines which he took in shots in the "main line" and he had known RAY to give free amphetamines to prisoners who needed a shot.

NEAL AEBY was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was responsible for bringing RAY in to the kitchen. AEBY, at this time, was chief cook.

DOWDA claimed he had not been contacted by RAY and had heard nothing to indicate RAY had attempted to contact him. RAY had talked about traveling all over the United States but never mentioned anything to indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

JAMES C. FLETCHER, #72071 of the Missouri Training School for Men, had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time JAMES EARL RAY was there and he knew him from going back and forth to the dining room to eat. Everyone knew JAMES EARL RAY by his reputation as he had attempted to escape several times.

FLETCHER reported RAY missing at the time of his April, 1967, escape to Lt. BILLY TURNER. It was rumored at the time that RAY was going to the State of Georgia if he was successful in his escape.

FLETCHER had no knowledge or information concerning RAY's current location nor had he been contacted by RAY since his escape.



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ORVILLE ERNEST GANN was located at Dismas House, St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised his last Missouri State Penitentiary number was 69729. He first entered the penitentiary in August 1926 on a four-year sentence for burglary, re-entered the penitentiary in April 1931 on a 25-year sentence for murder, and the third time in April 1955 for a 20-year sentence for armed robbery. He was released on parole on April 9, 1968.

GANN knew JAMES EARL RAY casually while both were inmates at the penitentiary. During the period of this casual acquaintance, they had some slight association in the yard and personal association based on the fact that RAY worked on the food detail and sometimes served special dishes to GANN while GANN reciprocated by giving RAY special consideration in connection with his laundry service, since GANN was assigned to the laundry. He considered RAY to be a neat individual and clean.

Close associates of RAY at the penitentiary were identified to be CARL DRAKE, a tinner, and TED RICHARDSON.

At the time of RAY's escape, GANN was not confined at Jefferson City but was on the honor farm at Springfield, Missouri. He has no knowledge of where RAY would be now or whom he would seek out once he had escaped.

JOHN KENNETH HURTT is an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, having number 75502. In 1966 he celled in the same hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary as did JAMES EARL RAY for two or three weeks. He was not close to RAY and knows of no close associates of RAY.

RAY was always "planning an escape" but HURTT does not know who helped RAY escape in April 1967, if anyone did help him.

He never heard RAY mention a bounty on the life of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor did he ever hear anything from RAY to indicate one way or the other his feelings toward the Negro race.

In return for sending about a \$15 money order to a stationery company under the pretext of ordering some paper, all done at the direction of RAY, he (HURTT) was given cigarettes in return by RAY for accomplishing this feat. RAY was always talking about the man who owned the stationery company, and it is this person whom HURTT thought RAY said lived in Kansas City. The name it was directed to he believes was PEPPER. The paper never came and when he asked RAY about delivery RAY told him the paper would be delivered directly to RAY.

HURTT further advised that he never heard of "COOLEY's Organization" and he has been in the Missouri State Penitentiary for the past 15 years. He also has no information to indicate RAY was involved with the sale of amphetamine in the penitentiary.

DONALD JOHNSON, Missouri State Penitentiary inmate 19987, believes that when he was in the penitentiary during the 1960-1966 era he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time but was not associated or acquainted with him personally.

He returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary in February 1967 and worked in the bread room of the penitentiary in the early part of the year and he was working the morning shift during the time RAY escaped.

He does not know whether or not another inmate aided RAY in his escape and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. He (JOHNSON) personally loaded

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the bread into the wooden bread box and took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock and assisted in placing the box on the truck.

JOHNSON denied having knowledge of any plan by JAMES EARL RAY to escape and had no knowledge as to his possible whereabouts.

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JOHN PAUL VELANTI, South 18th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was in the Missouri State Penitentiary from February, 1960, to December, 1964. He does not believe he was ever housed in the same hall as RAY and therefore was not that familiar with him.

He described RAY as a quiet type, seldom noticed. RAY did not gamble or play sports or do anything to attract attention to himself.

He recalls RAY's face from having seen him at the penitentiary. RAY's escape attempts attracted no attention to RAY as there were frequent such attempts by numerous inmates.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

When reinterviewed, VELANTI admitted he ran a poker game and lottery at the penitentiary, having numerous inmates working for him. He knew all of them personally, but JAMES EARL RAY never worked for him.

KENNETH LEE WADE, FBI number 568 123 B currently incarcerated San Quentin Penitentiary advised he was confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1958 through 1965 on a robbery charge. He knew JAMES EARL RAY from about 1960 until 1965. RAY came to the Missouri State Penitentiary with a man by the name of RAY PRUETT and they were "fall partners." WADE meant that he, WADE, and PRUETT were convicted at the same time, but PRUETT fought the conviction and did not enter the penitentiary until a later date and the entrance was timed with that of RAY.

The three of them lived in "K Hall" and RAY and WADE worked in the prison bakery.

RAY, [REDACTED]  
(phonetic), were selling amphetamine and other stimulants to the inmates.

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WADE estimates that the five of them made about \$1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. They paid a guard \$100 to bring the jar in and after expenses cleared, about \$1,000.

RAY had a friend who sent him narcotics, but WADE did not know any more about this matter.

He described RAY as closed mouth who never discussed with anyone and would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He stated RAY does not like Negroes and was capable of killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

PRUETT, who was a cell block mate, worked in the library and would bring books to RAY, who liked to read about foreign countries.

BURNS and SHURNICK each got 75 years so they are still in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Money earned in the penitentiary could either be in currency and/or script, such as commissary chits. Money could be sent out by guards who were bribed by the prisoners to act as couriers involving items leaving or entering the prison, but WADE would not identify any guard as he still might be in use by the present penitentiary inmates. RAY would earn \$1.50 per month from his bakery work and \$15 or \$20 a month would be furnished to RAY by friends or the family outside of the prison for his personal use in purchasing commissary items.

WADE did not know how RAY handled his prison earnings.

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MILTON ZAVALCOFSKI, Moberly Training Center for Men, #01658, served from November 1960 until April 1968 at the Missouri State Penitentiary as a portion of his 20 year sentence for armed robbery. Subsequently he was transferred to his current place of confinement.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and remembers his hiding in the penitentiary as well as his escape.

He could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts or close associates.

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CHARLES CALVIN BOOKMAN possesses FBI #892355 and resides in Room 201, Belmont Apartments, 948 South Figueroa, South Los Angeles.

BOOKMAN served time at Leavenworth with JAMES EARL RAY, becoming acquainted during the latter part of 1956 when both were in the kitchen of the trusty farm. He believes RAY was from the Biloxi - Gulfport, Mississippi, area and was able to pilot an airplane.

In August 1967 BOOKMAN returned to Los Angeles, California, from a trip and met JAMES EARL RAY at the Amber Room, Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles. He estimated this to be August 12, 1967. RAY went with him to his room in the Belmont Apartments and he did not hear again from him until April 19, 1968, at around noon or 4:00 P.M. when he received a telephone call and states the person calling was JAMES EARL RAY.

Interview of BOOKMAN contained many inconsistencies and conflicts in his story and therefore no credibility could be given to the alleged phone call received by him from JAMES EARL RAY.

BOOKMAN has stated that he will contact the FBI should he again hear from JAMES EARL RAY.

The substance of the telephone call allegedly received from JAMES EARL RAY on April 19, 1968, was that he was "hotter than a cow marshal's pistol" and made a request of BOOKMAN for money, which was denied.



JOHN R. KELLER possessed Leavenworth Prison #72614-L.

He was located at 2150 Apache Boulevard, Mesa, Arizona, and stated he formerly served time at Leavenworth from 1955 to 1957. He denies any knowledge or association with JAMES EARL RAY and disclaims recognition of the photograph of RAY as a former inmate at Leavenworth. He states he has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, FBI #4358766, was located at Quincy, Illinois, and disclaims having seen JAMES EARL RAY since he was incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957. He has no information concerning the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY nor his close associates.

When arrested with RAY in 1955, he fabricated the name WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE as the individual from whom they purchased stolen money orders obtained in the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office burglary. He also used the name VERNON ELMO RIFE on his first arrest.

RIFE stated that RAY was prejudiced against Negroes in a general way and he has never known RAY to belong to any organization or to make any threat against Negroes.

Both he and RAY were sentenced on July 1, 1955, to Leavenworth and RIFE was released in 1960.

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DYRELL DENNIS, located at the Towne Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed her home address to be 1151 Wilcox, Los Angeles, California. When initially contacted on April 25, 1968, she advised she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and through viewing his photographs said she did not know him or anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subsequently, she was recontacted on April 27, 1968, at the Belmont Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised she had resided at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from March 1 to March 9, 1968. One night in the Sultan Room, Hollywood Boulevard, she was approached by a man who introduced himself as ERIC (Last Name Unknown). She described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 30's or early 40's
Height	5'10"
Build	Slender
Hair	Salt and pepper
Eyes	Light blue
Wearing apparel	Dressed very neatly
Characteristics	Appeared very nervous; pointed facial features; spoke with a nasal twang.

This person drank screwdrivers and claimed to have worked with computers. He had in his possession a large sum of money in \$10 and \$20 bills. She talked him into giving her a \$20 bill after which they left the Sultan Room and went to another club where they continued to drink and then went to ERIC's room, #403 in the St. Francis Hotel. As they drank he told her on more than one occasion that he could become violent. She began to fear that he might possibly be a psychopath and decided against having relations with him. Under pretext, she left the St. Francis Hotel.

Subsequently, she again encountered ERIC at the Sultan Room at which time he asked for and she returned his \$20 bill.

She stated she has not seen this person since that time.

ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL, Apartment 9, 1727 North Garfield Place, Hollywood, California, was unable to identify photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as anyone she knew. She also did not know CHARLES J. STEIN.

KATZWINKEL stated she has never made any obscene films although SUE HARRIS had told her that she had made a nude film with a female named LOU (Last Name Unknown).

GINGER DAY, also known to her as GINGER NANCE, like the news broadcasts concerning GALT, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY, known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARIE MARTIN, residing at the St. Francis Hotel, room 201, Los Angeles, California, listed her original name to be MYRIAL TOMASO, and she has also used the names MARIE DENNINO and MARIE MARTINELLO. She is a cocktail waitress at the Sultan Room in the St. Francis Hotel.

She first met a person who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on approximately December 4, 1967, in the Sultan Room. He had been drinking at the bar and carried on a conversation with her while she was waiting on other customers.

She obtained GALT's agreement to drive her cousin, RITA STEIN to New Orleans, Louisiana, to pick up RITA's two children and return them to Los Angeles. GALT agreed to make the trip if MARIE MARTIN and RITA STEIN and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate.

The day after the group registered for the WALLACE political party, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN and CHARLES STEIN were issued registration receipts. Subsequently, MARIE MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing

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down to GALT's car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother, LORRAINE CALLAWAY, at New Orleans. At this point, RITA and CHARLES STEIN and GALT left.

About one week later, she again saw GALT at the St. Francis Hotel, and he gave her a \$20 bill after asking her if she were short of money. GALT told her he had visited some friends who lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans near Chef Menteur Highway. GALT became a regular customer at the Sultan Room and on her recommendation, he moved into the St. Francis Hotel.

On February 14, 1968, GALT came to her room and they arranged to trade television sets. He took her portable set and gave her his set and a \$20 bill. He told her he was going south and agreed to drop off another package at her mother's house at New Orleans.

She said that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion, though he told her he could not speak Spanish. He told her he had lived in Mexico for about six years and knew a girl in Guadalajara.

Referring back to her portable television set, she described it as a 21 inch General Electric set of plastic material with built in rabbit ear antennas and a handle on top.

The last time MARIE MARTIN saw GALT was on the day they traded television sets, February 14, 1968.

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RITA STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT in mid-December 1967 at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In conversation with GALT relative to her two children residing at her mother's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was able to determine that GALT would drive to New Orleans in his own car and return the children to Los Angeles. He agreed to take her brother, CHARLES STEIN, with him on the trip. Conditions for making this trip were that she, her brother and her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, all register with GEORGE WALLACE's party in California.

The following morning GALT drove the three of them to a location where they registered for the WALLACE party. Following this, they all returned to her residence, after which her brother left for New Orleans with GALT.

She next saw GALT when he returned with her two children approximately one week. He entered her house upon his return but stayed only a few moments and then departed. He returned again the next day to bring one of her children's toy blackboard which had been left in his car the previous day.

Following this, she saw GALT in the Sultan Room in mid-January 1968 and had no conversation with him. This was the last time she saw him.

A photograph of ERIC S. GALT obtained from the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, California, when displayed to RITA STEIN, reflected that this indeed was the ERIC S. GALT known to her.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, known also as Jay Wallis Vernon, resides in Apartment B, 1246 Woodbury Court, Upland, California.

He operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Los Angeles, from January 16 to March 23, 1968, and a man by the name of GALT was a regular customer at the laundry. He believes GALT came in each Saturday afternoon.



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He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirt and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using \$10 and \$20 bills.

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GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides 405 First Street, Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at 5666 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of CLOVINA ALONZO, 1907 $\frac{1}{2}$  Royal Street, STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself; and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, MARIE LEE, that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN



mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify DYRELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.



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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at 1807 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was born on July 12, 1897, at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; a son named [redacted] who was in an orphanage located in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois; a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHGR, was operating a rooming house, and GAWRON resided with LUCILLE at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri.

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St. Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERS have two young sons, the youngest being named JIMMY, reportedly named for JAMES EARL RAY. The PEPPERS operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

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Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficked in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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V. IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION

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The following is subject's identification record as furnished by the FBI Identification Division on April 23, 1968, under FBI # 405 942 G:

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago Ill	James Ray #131165	5/9/52	robbery	6/13/52 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.	James E. Ray #32419	6/13/52	robbery	1 to 2 years



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State Peni- tentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwards- ville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State High- way Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen pos- tal money orders	released to Postal Inspec- tor Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Peni- tentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional re- lease 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional re- lease on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Peni- tentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehi- cle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, con- current)

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The following is a description of the subject,  
obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Social Security No.:	334-22-6876
Army Serial Number:	16 163 129
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TO : SAC, JACKSON(157-9586)  
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DATE: 6-8-68

FROM : SA JAMES W. SAMMON

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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